

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3345–S3385

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2414–2424, and S. Res. 464–466. **Page S3367**

Measures Passed:

Insurance Capital Standards Clarification Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2270, to clarify the application of certain leverage and risk-based requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Stabenow (for Collins) Amendment No. 3229, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3383**

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 453, condemning the death sentence against Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, a Sudanese Christian woman accused of apostasy, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S3384**

Stabenow (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3230, to make a technical correction. **Page S3384**

Stabenow (for Rubio) Amendment No. 3231, to amend the preamble. **Page S3384**

National Aphasia Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 464, designating June 2014 as “National Aphasia Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia. **Pages S3384–85**

Webster University Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 465, commemorating the centennial of Webster University. **Page S3385**

Measures Considered:

Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. **Pages S3345–46**

Mastroianni, Hendricks, Chutkan, and Burwell Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, all post-cloture time on the nominations of Mark G. Mastroianni, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Bruce Howe Hendricks, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Tanya S. Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, be expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that following these votes, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each of these votes, equally divided in the usual form, that any rollcall votes, following the first in each series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Pages S3354, S3385**

Mastroianni Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mark G. Mastroianni, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. **Page S3359**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3359**

Hendricks Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Bruce Howe Hendricks, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S3360**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 169), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S3359–60**

Chutkan Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Tanya S.

Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council.

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By 48 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2018.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 166), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2017.

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Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2014.

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J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2019. (Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—170) Pages S3353–54, S3359–60

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3385.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2244, to extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Insurance Act of 2002, with an amendment.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on examining the safety and effectiveness of our transportation systems, after receiving testimony from Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and Gregory D. Winfree, Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, all of the Department of Transportation.

KLAMATH BASIN WATER RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 2379, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, after receiving testimony from John C. Bezdek, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Richard M. Whitman, Oregon Natural Resources Policy Director, Portland; Donald C. Gentry, The Klamath Tribes, and Becky Hyde, Upper Klamath Water Users Association, both of Chiloquin, Oregon; and Roger Nicholson, Sprague River Water Resource Foundation and Fort Klamath Critical Habitat Landowners, Fort Klamath, Oregon.

FARMING, FISHING, FORESTRY AND HUNTING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy concluded a hearing to examine farming, fishing, forestry, and hunting in an era of changing climate, after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Depart-

ment of the Interior; James K. Walls, Lake County Resources Initiative, Lakeview, Oregon; Clay Pope, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, Loyal; Daniel Cohen, Atlantic Capes Fisheries, Inc., Cape May, New Jersey; David R. Legates, University of Delaware, Newark; and David B. South, Auburn University, Pickens, South Carolina.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a constitutional amendment to restore democracy to the American people, including S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and McConnell; North Carolina State Senator Floyd McKissick, Jr., Raleigh; Floyd Abrams, Cahill Gordon and Reindel LLP, New York, New York; and Jamin B. Raskin, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D588)

S. 309, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol. Signed on May 30, 2014. (Public Law 113–108)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for National and Military Intelligence Programs, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine student loan servicing, focusing on the borrower's experience, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the impact of student loan debt on borrowers and the economy, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force recommendations and other actions to enhance and maintain nuclear safety, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine evaluating port security, focusing on progress made and challenges ahead, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Geoffrey W. Crawford, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, and Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, all to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the “Location Privacy Protection Act of 2014”, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine military service to small business owner, focusing on supporting America’s veteran entrepreneurs, 3 p.m., SR-428A.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3 p.m., Thursday, June 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Mark G. Mastroianni, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Bruce Howe Hendricks, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Tanya S. Chutkan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Upon disposition of the nomination of Tanya S. Chutkan, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2014 in pro forma session.



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